

**MINUTES OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008**

At a **special** meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Thursday, October 23, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele,
Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, J. Flynn, Gielegthem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts,
Rocca, Sauger, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco, Torrice and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were DiMaria (doctor's appointment-stress test), D. Flynn, Haggerty and Slinde (Mental Health meeting).

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Brown requested the deletion of item #6 (Adopt Plan B Implementation for the Facilities and Operations Department/Closing all County Buildings at 5 p.m.) and the addition of a request from Macomb/St. Clair Employment & Training Agency for six Case Manager positions.

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Torrice, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include Juvenile Division-Child Care Fund to #8). **The Motion Carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

MOTION

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Torrice, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations. **The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:04 a.m., with it concluding at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVE VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ADDITION OF ONE VICTIM WITNESS ADVOCATE AND ONE TEMPORARY CLERICAL IN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH MCLA 780.751 AS OUTLINED IN THE OCTOBER 15, 2008 MEMO FROM ERIC SMITH, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY; THE TOTAL COST WOULD BE \$82,692 IN 2009; THIS ACTION IS A RESULT OF THE CIRCUIT COURT'S DECISION TO NO LONGER PROVIDE THIS SERVICE IN THE JUVENILE DIVISION AS PART OF PLAN B COST CUTTING; IF APPROVED, THIS COST WOULD HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2009 BUDGET.

The following Commissioners spoke: Tocco, Doherty, Bruley, DeSaele and Torrice.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVE SIX CASE MANAGER POSITIONS FOR MACOMB/ST. CLAIR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING AGENCY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE ADDITION OF SIX CASE MANAGER POSITIONS IN THE MACOMB/ST. CLAIR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING AGENCY; THESE POSITIONS WILL BE 100 PERCENT GRANT FUNDED BY THE MACOMB/ST. CLAIR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND.

The following Commissioners spoke: Doherty and DeSaele.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

ADOPT PLAN B IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS

Prosecuting Attorney

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,000.

The following Commissioner spoke: Drolet.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Sheriff

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

The following Commissioners spoke: Mijac, Chair Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Roberts, Rengert, Lund, Sauger, Brdak, Doherty, Duzyj, Rocca, Rengert and J. Flynn.

Commissioners J. Flynn and Sauger withdrew their motion.

Commissioner Doherty requested separation of the two issues: elimination of four Deputy Sheriff positions and closing of 60 inmate beds.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,904.52 (ELIMINATION OF FOUR DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS FOR GENERAL COUNTY PATROL).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRDAK, BRULEY, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, GIELEGHEM, MIJAC, SWITALSKI AND TOCCO. THERE WERE 11 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, J. FLYNN, LUND, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, TORRICE, VOSBURG, SAUGER AND BROWN. THERE WERE 10 "NO" VOTES.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DROLET, SUPPORTED BY MIJAC, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,533,000 (CLOSING OF 60 INMATE BEDS).

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BRULEY, DROLET, DUZYJ AND MIJAC. THERE WERE 4 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DOHERTY, J. FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, LUND, RENGERT, ROBERTS, ROCCA, SWITALSKI, TOCCO, TORRICE, VOSBURG, SAUGER AND BROWN. THERE WERE 17 "NO" VOTES.

THE MOTION WAS DEFEATED.

Equalization (postponed from Oct. 7, 2008)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,497.

The following Commissioner spoke: Gieleghem.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Affairs

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS BY INCREASING THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE BY \$7,630.

The following Commissioners spoke: Camphous-Peterson and DeSaele.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Finance Department

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,000. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Board of Commissioners

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY J. FLYNN, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,143. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH DUZYJ VOTING “NO.”**

Juvenile Division - Child Care Fund

The following Commissioner spoke: Doherty.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT PLAN B BUDGET REDUCTIONS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY JUVENILE DIVISION – CHILD CARE FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$316,890. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

RECEIVE AND FILE UPDATE ON REMAINING PLAN B DEPARTMENTAL PROPOSALS

MOTION

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the update on remaining 2009 Plan B departmental proposals.

The following Commissioner spoke: Bruley.

Chair Brown called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Doherty referred to correspondence that was placed in their mailboxes from Next Generation regarding the audit results. Mr. Herppich stated that he will be reporting back in November with a list of those who have not complied with the audit.

Mr. Diegel pointed out that the vacant position list that was presented on October 21 was received and filed, but said that direction is needed.

It was suggested to place that report on the special Full Board agenda being held on Monday, October 27.

Commissioner Doherty felt the list should include whether the department has met their targeted cut.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by DeSaele, to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
The Motion Carried.

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter